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MEMORANDUM FOR : Project Security Officer

THROUGH : Project Director of Administration

SUBJECT : Briefing of General Lauris NORSTAD on Project AQUATONE (SACEUR Deputy for Air)

1. Col. Berg informed me on 18 May that HQ USAF was furnished information through HQ, U.S. Army, that facilities construction support for our project in the European Theater was being given by EUCOM but that it was deemed advisable that CINCEUR be given more information regarding this project which they are supporting. Col. Berg advised me that apparently our project support in Europe had been questioned by people on Gen. Norstad's staff who are unwitting of this project.

2. Col. Berg proposed to send Gen. Light a communication regarding this backdoor query but wanted to be certain whether or not Gen. Norstad himself had any knowledge of the project. If Gen. Light were to approach Gen. Norstad with regard to support for this project using a covered justification and then find that Gen. Norstad was knowledgeable, this could prove very embarrassing to Gen. Light.

3. On 19 May I asked General Cabell whether Gen. Norstad had been brought into our project in any way through high level dis-cussions unknown to Project Headquarters staff. General Cabell immediately checked with Mr. Dulles and then told me that to their knowledge Gen. Norstad was unwitting of the project but that Mr. Dulles and he authorized us to have Gen. Norstad briefed.

4. On 21 May I passed this information to Col. Berg and he said that he had already prepared a TWX to Gen. Light to say that if necessary in order to get our construction expedited through CINCEUR he was authorized to brief Gen. Norstad on the project.

5. I suggest that you make a record of this and follow through with Col. Berg in order to see whether Gen. Norstad is in fact briefed so that our records may be kept up to date.

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